

To: PUB Members  
 From: Melissa Merrell, PUB Analyst  
 Re: History of Rate Guidance and Disaggregation of Forecasted Rate and Bill Increase by Bureau  
 Date: November 2, 2017

In preparation for the start of the FY 2018-19 budget cycle, here is a summary of recent guidance issued to the utility bureaus as well as the adopted and forecast rates of increase compared to inflation.

Prior Years' Guidance	
Fiscal Year	Guidance
FY 2017-18	"I [Commissioner Fish] expect that any proposed combined rate increase will reflect good value at a fair price by delivering utility services in a cost-effective manner. Both Bureaus shall continue to fully support the Portland Utility Board, and partner with the Citizen's Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) in their budget review roles. In coordination with the City Budget Office, PUB, and Citizen's Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), you will be asked to present your combined rate proposal to the Council."
FY 2016-17	"I [Commissioner Fish] expect that any proposed combine rate increase will be below 5%, and within the range of what we adopted last year."
FY 2015-16	"I [Commissioner Fish] expect that any proposed rate increase will be within the range of what we adopted last year."
FY 2014-15	Commissioner Fish requested 2.5% cuts on operations; no specific rate guidance was provided.
FY 2013-14	The Mayor directed the utility bureaus to submit a base budget at 90% of the prior year's operating budget.

### Adopted and Forecast Annual Rates of Increase and Inflation

